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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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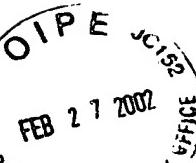
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Parts of  
Application-Filing Date Granted mailed December 14, 2001.  
Applicants hereby submit a newly executed Declaration that  
identifies the above application by serial number and filing  
date.

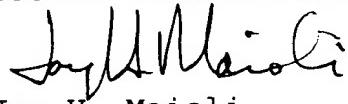
The required surcharge is also submitted herewith  
along with a copy of the subject Notice.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all  
elements of the application have now been filed and an early

and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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